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SUBJ: BELGRADE VIEW: "EXTREMELY NEGATIVE" AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

1. TANJUG DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT BUDIMIR IN MAY 18 COMMENTARY STATES BELGRADE VIEWS GOA REPLY TO YUGOSLAV STATEMENT OF MAY 13 AS "EXTREMELY NEGATIVE", "IN FACT A NEW ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT ESSENCE OF YUGOSLAV-AUSTRIAN DISPUTE." TO AUSTRIAN OFFER TO TALKS, BUDIMIR SAYS "WE HAVE NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT ON MATTERS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEFINED AND CLEARLY WORDED IN ARTICLE 7 OF STATE TREATY." AUSTRIAN STATEMENT THAT SIGNPOST PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7 COULD NOT BE SATISFACTORILY EXECUTED INTERPRETED AS EXPRESSING AUSTRIAN DESIRE NOT TO CARRY OUT THESE PROVISIONS. COMMENTARY SAYS AUSTRIAN OFFER TO RESTORE CULTURAL GOODS IS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE THIS WOULD AFFECT ONLY "SMALL NUMBER OF ITEMS" FOR WHICH AUSTRIA WOULD REQUEST YUGOSLAV ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE COMPLETE RESTITUTION. "GREATER PART" OF ITEMS COULD THEN STAY IN AUSTRIA, BUDIMIR CLAIMS. ALSO NOTED WAS AUSTRIAN FAILURE TO STOP ACTIVITIES OF "HIGHLY VISIBLE NEO-NAZI REMNANTS" ACTING AGAINST YUGOSLAV MINORITIES AND YUGOSLAVIA HERSELF.

2. COMMENTARY WAS ONLY ONE OF LARGE NUMBER OF STATE-
MENTS AND SPEECHES AROUND COUNTRY OVER WEEKEND CRITICIZ-
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